

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1045
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A RESOLUTION to recognize April 24, 2004, as Putnam County
Red Cross Day.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable groups that strive to provide aide and comfort to their fellow Tennesseans in their hour of need; and

WHEREAS, one such noble organization is the American Red Cross, Putnam County Chapter; the American Red Cross was chartered and authorized by Congress in 1917 to act in times of need and provides compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local, or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, compassion, courage, character, and civic duty are inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering, and the good people of Cookeville and Putnam County, Tennessee, share these ideals; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross volunteers from Putnam County responded to victims of house fires, flood victims, and tornado victims last year, providing food, clothing, shelter, and other essential support; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on and continue to count on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school, and at play; during the last year, the Putnam County Chapter trained over 4,000 people in Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid, Babysitting, Swimming, and Bloodborne Pathogens education; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, Putnam County Chapter serves as a partner with the Red Cross Collections Center to provide lifesaving blood and blood products whenever and wherever needed, always with the safety of the blood supply as its number one priority; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross staff and volunteers provide around-the-clock global emergency communications to service men and women separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that this body should recognize and applaud such an outstanding organization as the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross, for its outstanding work and continuing humanitarian efforts and assistance in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the citizens of Putnam County in recognizing April 24, 2004, as Red Cross Day in Putnam County to honor the continuing contributions of the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross and to support this worthy organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.